

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-20, without prejudice, and please add new Claims 21-40 as provided in the following Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (New) An electronic book apparatus, comprising:

a memory device, wherein the memory device stores book information;

an input device, wherein a request by a user to view book information is input via the input device;

a display device, wherein the book information requested by the user is presented via the display device; and

a processing device, wherein the processing device processes a reading termination instruction, and further

wherein the processing device terminates a presentation of the book information in response to the reading termination instruction, and further wherein the processing device identifies and stores information regarding a first location in the book information where the presentation of the book information is terminated, and further wherein a subsequent presentation of the book information commences from a second location in the book information, wherein the subsequent presentation of the book information includes a re-presentation of an amount of book information previously presented to the user, and further wherein the amount of the re-presentation of book information previously presented to the user is programmably selected by the user.

Claim 22. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:

a microphone; and

voice recognition software,

wherein the user can enter a verbal command or a voice command into the apparatus.

Claim 23. (New) The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the user can advance to a next page of book information or return to a previous page of book information with the verbal command or the voice command.

Claim 24. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:

a printer, wherein the printer prints out at least a portion of the book information.

Claim 25. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:

a transmitter; and

a receiver,

wherein the transmitter transmits a message to a communication device associated with an author of the book information, and further wherein the receiver receives a second message from the communication device associated with the author.

Claim 26. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the book information contains newspaper material.

Claim 27. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the book information contains magazine material.

Claim 28. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the book information contains educational material or textbook material.

Claim 29. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the apparatus is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 30. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the apparatus is a cellular telephone or a wireless telephone.

Claim 31. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the apparatus is a video telephone.

Claim 32. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the apparatus stores information regarding at least one of a note, notes, and an outline, created by the user regarding the book information.

Claim 33. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the apparatus processes information regarding at least one of a note, notes, and an outline, created by the user regarding the book information.

Claim 34. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the memory device stores book information for a plurality of books.

Claim 35. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the user is a student enrolled in at least one course, and further wherein the memory device stores book information for a plurality of text books.

Claim 36. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:

a receiver, wherein the receiver receives a download of the book information from a central processing computer.

Claim 37. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the book information is at least one of encoded or embedded with page number information, encoded with a digital code, and encoded with a time stamp.

Claim 38. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the book information contains audio information and text information.

Claim 39. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the book information contains a video clip and text information.

Claim 40. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the apparatus facilitates real-time communication with at least one of an electronic book associated with a second user and a communication device associated with an author of the book information.